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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

Municipal Officers

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF FARMINGTON,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 13, 1886.



FARMINGTON, MAINE :
CHRONICLE STEAM PRINTING OFFICE.
1886.

Selectmen's Annual Report.

To the Citizens of Farmington :

Your Selectmen would respectfully submit the following Report in relation to the financial condition of the Town, together with the amount of receipts and expenditures from February 15, 1885, to February 13, 1886.

ASSESSMENTS.

After taking Inventory of the real and personal estate, we found the valuation of the town to be Fifteen Hundred and Fifty-five Thousand, Two Hundred and Thirty Dollars (\$1,555,230), viz.: Total amount of real estate, \$1,187,615; total amount of personal property, \$367,615; and the number of polls to be 886, and the number of dogs, 134.

Upon the polls and estates we have assessed the following named sums to wit :

For State Tax,	\$6,013 56
County Tax,	1,868 15
Support of Schools,	3,000 00
Support of Poor,	2,500 00
Repair of Roads and Bridges,	6,000 00
Defraying Town Charges,	2,000 00
Paying Outstanding Indebtedness,	1,000 00
Interest on Same,	750 00
Repairs of Large Bridges,	500 00
Buying, Moving, and Repairing Town	
House,	1,000 00
Repairing Road to Wilton line,	150 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
Overlayings,	1,287 50
Total,	<hr/> \$26,119 21

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 1.

Union with District No. 9, Chesterville.

Valuation of Real Estate, \$73,955 00

Valuation of Personal Estate, 25,305 00

Number of Polls, Sixty-five.

On the polls and estates we have assessed the following sums,
to wit:

For Payment of Interest Bearing Debt, \$156 00

Overlays, 5 68

Total, \$161 68

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 4.

Valuation of Real Estate, \$489,065 00

Valuation of Personal Estate, 195,230 00

Number of polls, Three Hundred and Twelve.

On the polls and estates we have assessed the following sums,
to wit:

For Payment of Interest Bearing Debt, \$530 00

Free High School, 250 00

Overlayings, 29 29

Total, \$809 29

On the 1st day of July, A. D. 1885, we committed the foregoing lists of said assessments unto Daniel Hoyt, Collector of said town.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Amount of money raised by town, \$3,000 00

School Fund and Mill Tax, 1,558 62

Interest on Town School Fund, 90 18

Total, \$4,648 80

After deducting the sum of \$553.80 from this amount to be given to smaller districts, as authorized by law, the remainder was apportioned to the several districts according to the num-

ber of scholars returned by the Agents, being at the rate of \$4.20 to each scholar.

The division of School Money is made April first.

DISTRICTS.	Number of Scholars.	Balance Feb. 15, 1885.	Amount Apportioned April 1, 1885.	Amount of Orders Drawn since Feb. 15, 1885.	Balance Feb'y 13, 1886.
1 Falls (Union).	37	\$ 12 38	\$ 175 75	\$ 177 20	\$10 93
2 Gower.	19	85	114 80	69 90	45 75
3 Norton Flat.	90	210 08	378 00	388 00	200 08
4 Village.	341	419 84	1432 20	1258 79	593 25
5 Fairbanks.	62	27 71	260 40	101 77	186 34
7 Sprague.	25	15 39	125 00	123 65	16 74
8 Currier.	12	84 92	100 40	109 85	75 47
9 West Farmington.	86	129 41	361 20	358 40	132 21
10 Sewall.	18	88 09	113 60	104 10	97 59
11 Greenwood.	17	103 45	114 40	217 24	61
12 Knowlton's Corner.	20	20 69	122 00	36 00	106 69
14 Briggs.	24	80 38	128 80	122 76	86 42
15 Russell's Mills.	28	35 91	140 60	174 42	2 09
16 Porter Hill.	7		64 40	36 20	28 20
17 Bailey Hill.	21	15 00	113 20	43 80	84 40
18 Titcomb.	25	1 31	125 00	70 26	56 05
19 Mosher Hill.	19	25 77	119 80	116 39	29 18
20 Holley.	15	10 60	103 00	109 48	4 12
21 J. P. Holley.	13	6 98	94 60	95 50	6 08
22 Walton's Mills.	42	Overdra'n	179 45	70 11	109 23
23 No. Chesterville (Union).	22		104 50	74 00	30 50
25 Furbush (Union).	12		57 00		57 00
26 D. H. Smith.	2		12 40	12 40	
28 Allen's Mills (Union).	9	43 05	42 75	85 80	
30 Hillman.	4	06	41 80		41 86
31 McIntosh (Union).	5		23 75	23 75	
	975	\$1331 87	\$4648 80	\$3979 77	\$2000 79

Balance due School Districts, Feb. 15, 1885, \$1,331 87

Amount of school money apportioned April 1st, 4,648 80

\$5,980 67

Orders drawn since Feb. 15, 1885, \$3,979 77

Overdrawn per last Report, 11

Balance due Districts, Feb. 13, 1886, 2,000 79

5,980 67

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Maine Insane Hospital,	\$255 95
Maine Insane Hospital, paid by Lewiston,	172 03
Supplies furnished Geo. W. Batchelder and paid by St. Albans,	9 00
Supplies furnished Irene Tucker and paid by Bangor,	3 92
Supplies furnished C. P. Thompson and charged to Jay,	1 00
Supplies furnished Violette Newell and paid by New Sharon,	2 00
Supplies furnished Mrs. Alma Wright and family and paid by Weld,	102 50
Supplies furnished Mrs. Abbie McKinney and paid by Livermore,	22 50
Supplies furnished John Adams' boy and paid by Strong,	1 50
Supplies furnished Lyman Harmon and charged to Strong,	26 84
Supplies furnished John Adams' boy and charged to Strong,	2 00
Medical attendance on Porter Dodge and charged to New Vineyard,	4 00
Supplies furnished and charged to R. H. Smith,	1 50
Supplies furnished for temporary help,	18 00
R. H. Smith for balance on contract to April 1st, 1885,	779 86
R. H. Smith, part payment on contract to April 1st, 1886,	1,085 00
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	\$2,487 60

Your Overseers contracted with R. H. Smith for the support of all paupers of said town, except those insane, who now need assistance, and those who may hereafter become chargeable, subject to certain conditions, for one year from April 1st, 1885, for the sum of

Orders issued as per above statement,	\$2,487 60
Due April 1st, 1886, on contract with R. H. Smith,	790 00
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	\$3,277 60
Appropriation by Town,	\$2,500 00
Items above, charged to other towns,	363 79
Balance.	\$413 81
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	3,277 60

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

For Surveyors' orders issued prior to May 1st, 1883,	\$36 45
Orders for work on highway from May 1st, 1883, to May 1st, 1885,	\$2,423 31
Orders for work on highway under Surveyors since May 1st, 1885,	3,212 77
Orders for work on Wilton road, special App.,	150 00
Balance apportioned and subject to orders of High- way Surveyors, to May 1st, 1886,	1,583 68
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	\$7,406 21
Balance highway App. as per last report,	\$1,794 47
Appropriation,	6,000 00
Special App. for Wilton road,	\$150 00
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	\$7,944 47

LARGE BRIDGES.

T. McL. Davis, nails for bridge near N. A. Voter's,	\$ 1 30
Joseph Dustin, materials for Center Bridge,	4 25
E. F. Conant, lumber for Walton's Mills Bridge,	5 23
C. A. Gould, lumber for various bridges,	148 14
A. L. Barker, building bridge near his house,	35 00
C. H. Barden, lighting Falls bridge,	9 00
J. C. Church, building bridge near W. H. Parsons',	50 00
J. R. Norton, for material and labor on Case bridge,	11 80
Chesterville, plank for Williams bridge,	19 00
H. T. Knowlton, material and labor for Williams bridge,	20 45
A. B. Gordon, plank and labor for Falls bridge,	35 07
H. W. Lowell, spikes for large bridges,	8 25
A. P. Hillman, labor and material for bridge near T. Furbush's,	20 29
J. S. Lowell, building bridge near Knowlton's Corner,	90 00
Robert McLeary, labor and material on Furbush bridge,	14 66
David E. Currier, lumber for Fairbanks' Mills bridge,	14 86
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Total,	\$487 30
Appropriation,	\$500 00.

TOWN CHARGES.

Wm. B. Gilman, for Services as Selectman, etc., 1884,	\$ 126 75
Geo. W. Wheeler,	135 75
C. B. Russell,	128 25
I. Warren Merrill, for services as Clerk and Auditor, '84,	25 00
P. P. Tufts, for services as Treasurer, 1884,	100 00
Hiram Titcomb, for services as S. S. Com., 1884,	15 00
E. E. Richards,	21 50
E. B. Norton,	110 00
Knowlton, McLeary & Co., for printing, including Reports 1884,	47 00
C. W. Keyes, for printing, including Reports 1883,	42 25
F. M. Foss, for taking care of Drummond Hall,	6 00
L. B. Pillsbury, for use of Drummond Hall,	40 00
Mrs. Tuttle, for cleaning Town House,	3 43
S. G. Craig, wood for Town House,	5 00
Franklin County, for rent of Selectmen's office,	35 00
G. W. Titcomb, tax book and stationery,	4 30
Daniel Hoyt, commission for collecting taxes, 1884,	765 70
Thomas Williams, services as R. R. Committee, 1883,	13 00
For support of watering tubs,	49 00
For support of tramps,	20 55
P. P. Tufts, for sundries,	29 64
Atlas and express,	10 35
J. R. Adams, for crossing land,	3 00
W. L. Putnam, for legal advice,	5 00
I. B. Russell, Treas. for Memorial Day,	50 00
Road Scraper,	12 00
Eleven Resident Tax deeds,	182 61
Rebate on personal property tax for 1883,	10 00
Painting sign for Selectmen's office,	3 00
Two plows and six points for road machine,	18 00
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	\$2,016 78
Appropriation,	\$2,000 00
“ Memorial Day,	50 00

TOWN HOUSE.

Franklin County, for Court House,	\$125 00
“ “ “ “ “ bell,	100 00
Harriet M. Scales, land for town house lot,	200 00
“ “ “ for damage to garden,	4 00
Frank Cain & Co., for moving town house,	275 00
“ “ “ “ iron dogs,	4 50
J. C. Church, labor, granite and grading lot,	131 00
“ “ for doorsteps, hanging bell &c.,	17 00
J. W. Perkins, for painting materials,	88 82
C. A. Thomas, for mason work &c.,	48 99
J. H. Couillard, for carpenter work,	61 25
Otis Trask, “ “ “	65 24
Charles H. Davis, for labor on town house,	32 37
Different persons for labor,	32 50
J. F. Prescott and C. A. Gould, for lumber,	42 33
Materials and painting,	236 44
Thomas Williams, door for town house,	9 00

Total,	\$1,473 44
Appropriation,	\$1,000 00

ABATEMENTS.

For the year 1884,	\$375 82
do 1885,	32 75
Total,	\$408 57
No Appropriation.	

INTEREST.

Interest paid on temporary loan,	\$134 21
Coupons paid,	666 00
Total,	\$800 21
Appropriation,	\$750 00

TOWN BONDS, OUTSTANDING.

Due Apr. 1st, 1887, 5 per cent,	\$5,550 00
“ “ “ 1887, 3 “ “	6,000 00
“ “ “ 1889, 4 “ “	4,100 00
Total,	\$15,650 00

Dr. COLLECTORS' ACCOUNTS. Cr.

TAX, 1881, R. H. SMITH, COLLECTOR.

Bal. per last report, \$1 41

TAX, 1883, DANIEL BEALE, COLLECTOR.

Bal. per last report, \$7 27 Paid P. P. Tufts, Tr. \$7 27

TAX, 1884, DANIEL HOYT, COLLECTOR.

Bal. per last report, \$11,003 80	Paid bal. State Tax, \$5,413 88
	“ “ County “ 1,068 15
	“ “ Town “ 4,521 77
<u>\$11,003 80</u>	<u>\$11,003 80</u>

TAX, 1885, DANIEL HOYT, COLLECTOR.

Commitment.		Paid State Tr.,	\$1,500 00
State Tax,	\$6,013 56	“ County “	500 00
County Tax,	1,868 15	“ Town “	14,000 00
Town Tax,	18,237 50	Balance,	10,119 21
	<u>\$26,119 21</u>		<u>\$26,119 21</u>

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 1, TAX, 1885, DANIEL HOYT, COLLECTOR.

Commitment, \$161 68 Paid Town Tr. \$161 68

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 4, TAX, 1885, DANIEL HOYT, COLLECTOR.

Commitment, \$809 29 Paid Town Tr. \$809 29

SCHOOL DISTRICT INDEBTEDNESS.

Dist. No. 1, payable \$120 00 annually, Sept.,	\$480 00
Due and unpaid,	\$35 00

Dr.

LIQUOR AGENCY.

Cr.

P. W. HUBBARD, AGENT TO MAY 12, 1885. S. O. TARBOX, AGENT
SINCE MAY 12, 1885. FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 12, 1886.

Liquors on hand, Feb.		Cash for Liquors sold, \$3,574 86	
15, '85,	\$343 90	Barrels sold,	27 25
Paid for Liquors bo't		Stock on hand, Feb.	
of State Agent,	2,607 05	12, '86,	268 12
Paid Freight,	39 24		
Paid Salary,	151 68		
Profits,	728 36		

\$3,870 23

\$3,870 23

CASH ACCOUNT.

To cash for Liquors		Paid Selectmen,	\$2,607 05
sold,	\$3,574 86	" Town Treas.,	804 14
To cash for Barrels		" Freight and	
sold,	27 25	Trucking,	39 24
		" Agents' Salaries,	\$151 68
	<u>\$3,602 11</u>		<u>\$3,602 11</u>

LIABILITIES.

Balances due School Districts,	\$2,000 79
Balances subject to orders of Highway Surveyors to May 1, 1886,	1,583 68
Balance on contract for Support of Poor,	790 00
Interest due April, 1885, estimated,	325 00
Town Officers, bills for current year, estimated,	425 00
Town Orders outstanding, issued in 1884,	4 70
Town Orders outstanding, issued current year,	58 00
School Orders outstanding, issued current year,	13 37
For Collection of Taxes, 1885, estimated,	650 00
Funded Debt,	15,650 00
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	\$21,500 54

RESOURCES.

Tax, 1881, R. H. Smith, Collector,	1 41
Tax, 1885, Daniel Hoyt, Collector,	\$4,237 50
State School Fund and Mill Tax,	1,558 62
Interest on Town School Fund,	88 18
Due on Tax Deeds,	442 40
Due from other towns,	32 84
Cash on hand Feb. 12, 1886,	3,447 89
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	\$9,808 84

ESTIMATES FOR ENSUING YEAR.

For Support of Schools,	\$2,800 00
For Support of Poor,	2,500 00
For defraying Town Charges,	2,500 00
For Interest,	800 00
For paying Indebtedness,	3,000 00
For repair of Roads and Bridges,	6,000 00
For repair of Large Bridges,	500 00

Selectmen's bills for 1885 will not exceed \$300.

GEO. W. WHEELER,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
E. J. DYAR,	
SAM'L G. CRAIG	
	} <i>of</i>
	} <i>Farmington.</i>

Treasurer's Report for the Year Commencing

Receipts.

By Cash of Daniel Beal, Col. for 1883, bal. in full,	\$7 27
“ “ “ Daniel Hoyt, Col. for 1884, bal. in full,	4,521 77
“ “ “ Daniel Hoyt, Col. for 1885, in part,	14,000 00
“ “ “ State for State Pensions paid,	198 00
“ “ “ State for School Fund and Mill Tax,	1,468 07
“ “ “ State for Railroad and Telegraph Tax,	77 67
“ “ “ Liquor Agents to date,	804 14
“ “ for Temporary Loan at 4 per cent., and paid,	5,000 00
“ “ on Tax Deeds,	673 13
“ “ for Licenses,	15 00
“ “ of Treasurer of Town School Fund,	90 18
“ “ for Support of Paupers at Insane Hospital,	10 63
“ “ refunded for Support of Paupers,	15 00
“ “ of County for Sewer connection,	60 00
“ “ of Selectmen for Plow sold Wilton,	6 00
“ “ of Selectmen for Stove Funnel sold,	50
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	\$26,947 36

February 15, 1885, and Closing February 13, 1886.

Disbursements.

To paid Balance due Feb. 14, 1885,	\$ 79 31
" " Town Orders outstanding, Feb. 14, 1885,	322 66
" " School Orders outstanding, Feb. 14, 1885,	68 42
" " Town Orders issued current year for Support of Poor,	2,467 10
" " Town Orders issued for Roads and Bridges,	5,821 03
" " " " " " Large Bridges,	487 30
" " " " " " Abatement of Taxes,	400 57
" " " " " " to defray Town Charges,	1,997 78
" " " " " " for Town House,	1,464 44
" " " " " " for Temporary Loan, 4 per cent.,	5,000 00
" " School Orders issued the current year,	3,966 40
" " Interest on Temporary Loan,	134 21
" " Coupons,	690 25
" " Bonds due April 1, 1885,	600 00
Cash on hand, Feb. 12, 1886,	3,447 89
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	\$26,947 36

P. P. TUFTS, *Treasurer.*

Examined and Approved.

I. WARREN MERRILL, *Auditor.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee.

Citizens of Farmington :

In presenting our annual review of the work of the year in the schools of the town, we believe that we have reason to congratulate you on their efficiency, and the character and solidity of the progress that has been particularly marked this season, not in a few instances alone but in our entire school system. This is perhaps partly due to the heed given by the districts to our suggestion last year, that only the best men be selected to attend to our school interests, and the fact that in the March and April meetings School Agents were, as a general thing, chosen from those who have a deep and abiding interest in the educational welfare of the town, and as was to be expected from such men their reports were promptly made to us, and the choice was effected with wisdom and care. The present high educational standing of our town can only be maintained by a similar continued watchcare on the part of us as good citizens in the choice of those who have the disbursement of our school monies.

And here we can bear testimony to our belief that no appropriation of the town is more carefully and wisely expended than the school appropriation. In the hands of the Selectmen, who are simply its custodians, the disbursing power lies with the Agents and with them alone, and nowhere have we seen indication the present year of any attempt on their part to abuse the power placed in their hands by their fellow citizens; while other towns and even cities of our State have had reason to complain of mismanagement of school finances, we are singularly free from such vexations and unreasonable trouble.

Again, the efficiency of our schools the past year has been greatly promoted by the faithful administration of school discipline by the teachers in such a judicious and salutary manner that we have not been called upon to investigate school misdemeanors or sit as arbiters in school disputes, an unusual circumstance for Farmington. We believe that this is partly owing to the determined position we were forced to take last year when we announced to parent, pupil and teacher that it was not our intention to sustain rebellion in any school, and that teachers placed in our schools would be protected by us in their every right. We again reaffirm that as our position in the future as in the past.

Lastly, the efficiency of our schools has been vastly promoted by a change in the text books in two important branches. Much time and thought is being given to text books by our best educators, and unless changes are made now and then in our schools we are left far behind. The series of Reading Books in use had become for many reasons entirely unsuited to our needs, and we were fortunate enough to be able to negotiate with the great Philadelphia Book Publishing House of J. B. Lippincott & Co. exceedingly favorable terms for the introduction of their new Lippincott Series of Readers, which, after a painstaking examination of all series extant, we had deemed the superior of any. The result of this introduction, although we anticipated much from it, far exceeded our fondest anticipations and thoroughly justified us in making the exchanges. A new interest in reading has sprung up all over our town, and with it has awakened renewed interest and enthusiasm in all other branches. Such a result these books are peculiarly adapted to produce. We have been exceedingly gratified to hear on all sides from teachers, pupils and parents nothing but words of appreciation for the new books.

The change to the Fish Arithmetics was made for many of the same reasons that impelled us in choosing the Lippincott Readers and the added and important one that we believe that arithmetic in the Common Schools should be taught with almost the one aim to fit the students for business life, as vast proportions of the pupils in our Common Schools go immediately from them to business instead of Academy or College. We deem the Fish Arithmetic especially suited to prepare youth for

business life, and more practical and better arranged than any it has been our pleasure to examine.

In these changes and in all other work, as your representatives, your Committee have had constantly in view your best interests and have striven by all in their power to constantly advance the educational standard in our midst.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

Very little has been done in the way of improvement. If parents could realize how much a school is benefited by a little brightening up of the surroundings, more would be done in this respect. Paint, paper and a few pictures give the school-room a home look, and don't forget window-shades, though blinds are outside, a curtain is so easily adjusted to shut out the glare of light. Children's eyes should be protected more carefully than they have been in some of our school-rooms.

Ventilation should also receive attention. A cheap way of ventilating is by fitting a board two or three inches wide in the lower part of the window, thus raising the sash and allowing the entrance of fresh air, without coming directly on the pupils.

Unless there is a union of districts, new school houses are needed in some of the districts. One in the Sprague District is an absolute necessity.

SCHOOL APPARATUS.

There is a great lack of necessary school apparatus. In some school-rooms not a map is to be found, only bare walls. A good dictionary should be in every school-room. Four districts have purchased charts which are valuable helps in many ways.

Ten per cent. of the school money can be used for repairs and in purchasing necessary apparatus, and it is better sometimes to shorten the school a few days if these things can be procured in no other way.

TEACHERS.

No town ought to have better teachers than Farmington, having, as we do, one of the best schools in the State, from which to select teachers. A large majority of our teachers the past year have been graduates or students of the Farmington Normal School. It is very important that teachers should be morally qualified to instruct. Agents should be careful to employ only those whose characters are above reproach.

Course of Study for Public Schools of Farmington.

(EXCEPT NO. 4.)

A proper classification is an absolute necessity for the best interests of all the pupils. With such frequent changes of teachers this can only be accomplished by a uniform course of study. Such a course we have prepared and we desire to call the attention of parents to the importance of co-operation with teachers in this matter. See that your children take the course. If pupils have a standard to be attained much greater progress will be made. Pupils after passing a satisfactory examination may graduate, receiving a diploma.

A Four Years' Course of Study for the Common School.

Pupils can begin this course who are familiar with the four fundamental rules of Arithmetic and able to read in the Fourth Reader.

FIRST YEAR.—Fourth Reader, Spelling, oral and written, Arithmetic to Weights and Measures, Elementary Geography completed, Language Lessons, using questions in the Reader, supplemented by questions by the teacher, Writing, Drawing.

SECOND YEAR.—Reading, Fourth Reader and Child's Book of Nature, Spelling, oral and written, Writing, Drawing, Arithmetic to Percentage, Geography to South America, Language Lessons, Grammar.

THIRD YEAR.—Reading, Child's Book of Nature and Fifth Reader, Spelling, oral and written, Writing, Drawing, Arithmetic to Involution, Geography completed, History of United States through Revolutionary War, Grammar.

FOURTH YEAR.—Reading, Fifth Reader, Spelling, oral and written, Arithmetic completed, U. S. History completed, Analysis, Physiology, Constitution of Maine, Examination covering the Course, by Superintending School Committee, Graduation.

ADVANCED COURSE.—Miscellaneous Reading, English Composition, Physical Geography, Elementary Algebra, Natural Philosophy, Civil Government, Elementary Geometry, Examination covering the course, Graduation.

HIGH SCHOOLS.

During the year two Districts have availed themselves of the advantages of the Free High School Law. No. 4, the Village District, and No. 1, the Farmington Falls District. The former raised by taxation the sum of \$250 and will have expended before the expiration of the High School year \$500. The latter raised \$60 by subscription, received \$15 from tuition and has expended \$142.50.

As but \$250 can be received by one town, however many High Schools may be maintained within its limits, the State aid of \$250 will be divided on or after June 1, 1886, between the two districts, each receiving a portion of the same proportionate to the amount expended.

The School in the Village District was under the charge of Prof. W. Harper until June 12, 1885, the close of the Spring term. The following August the Agent of the district was so fortunate as to secure the services of Mr. J. A. Russell, under whose careful and efficient management the School has since continued with an increased attendance.

The High School in District No. 1, was under the care of Mr. Louis H. Wentworth and the scholars of that and other districts were favored with a very profitable and interesting term of school work. The statistics relative to the foregoing will be found among the statistics of school work in the town. We submit the report of the Principal of the Farmington High School and the course of study in the same as revised and adopted, together with the courses of study in the Grammar and Intermediate Schools.

Members of the S. S. Committee:—

At your request I present the following brief report of the condition of the village schools during my connection with them.

The pupils of the different grades manifested an excellent degree of interest by their good attendance and application to the work required of them. As far as my duties permitted me to observe, the assistant teachers have performed their work in a most faithful and efficient manner.

The course of study adopted by you has been carried out in all grades, and its benefit will be apparent as pupils advance from one grade to another.

No case requiring severe discipline arose, but there seemed to be a willingness to comply with all rules and regulations necessary to the welfare of the school. Additional apparatus is needed to make the study of some branches more interesting and profitable, and could be obtained at the present low prices at a much less cost than in former years.

If the school grounds could be properly graded and inclosed by a suitable fence, the appearance of the school building would be greatly improved, and the control of the school rendered easier.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. RUSSELL.

Farmington High School.—Courses of Study.

CLASSICAL.

FIRST YEAR.—*Fall term*: Algebra, Book-keeping, American Literature, Latin Lessons. *Spring*: Algebra, Physiology, English Composition, Botany, Latin Lessons.

SECOND YEAR.—*Fall term*: Algebra, Arithmetic; Geometry, Physics, Cæsar. *Spring*: Geometry, Physics, Cæsar, Sallust, Greek, French or English Literature.

THIRD YEAR.—*Fall term*: Chemistry, Cicero, Greek, French or Geology, Physical Geography. *Spring*: Cicero, Greek, Astronomy or Zoology, Civil Government.

FOURTH YEAR.—*Fall term*: Virgil, Anabasis, General History. *Spring*: Virgil and Latin Prose, Homer, General History.

ENGLISH.

FIRST YEAR.—*Fall term*: Algebra, Book-keeping, American Literature, Physical Geography. *Spring*: Algebra, Physiology, English Composition, Botany, General History.

SECOND YEAR.—*Fall term*: Algebra, Arithmetic, Geometry, Physics, General History. *Spring*: Geometry, Physics, General History, English Literature.

THIRD YEAR.—*Fall term*: Chemistry, English Literature, Geology. *Spring*: English Literature, English Composition, Astronomy or Zoology, Civil Government.

Course of Study.—Farmington Grammar School.

FIRST YEAR.—Grammar, Swinton's Language Lessons, Arithmetic from page 136 to 183, Geography to South America, Primer of Physiology, Writing, Drawing, Reading, Complete Child's Book of Nature.

SECOND YEAR.—Grammar, Language Lessons completed, Arithmetic from page 183 to 242, Geography completed, U. S. History commenced, Writing, Drawing, Reading.

THIRD YEAR.—Analysis, English Composition, Arithmetic, finish book and review, U. S. History, finish and review, Botany, Writing, Drawing, Reading.

Course of Study.—Farmington Intermediate School.

FIRST YEAR.—Reading, Third Reader and Fourth Reader, Arithmetic, Primary Arithmetic completed and Complete Arithmetic to page 57, Geography as a reading lesson, Writing, Drawing, Language, oral lessons with written lessons, Music, exercises in vocal music daily, Spelling in every recitation.

SECOND YEAR.—Reading, Fourth Reader, Arithmetic, from page 57 to 93, Geography, through United States, Writing, Drawing, Music, Spelling, continue first year's work, Drawing, continue first year's work.

THIRD YEAR.—Reading, Book of Nature, first half, Arithmetic, from page 93 to 137, Geography, completed, Language lessons continued, Drawing, Music, Spelling.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

The following outline of the year's work, so far as returns have been received, is presented.

No. 1.—FALLS DISTRICT. Agent, N. B. Saunders. No. of scholars, 37. Summer term of 10 weeks, taught by Miss Sadie Harling; wages, \$4.00; board, \$2.25. High School, Principal, Mr. Louis H. Wentworth. Average attendance, 15; wages, \$45 per month; board, \$3.00; length of term, 10 weeks. Winter term under charge of Mr. S. S. Wright; wages, \$52 per month including board.

No. 2.—GOWER DISTRICT. Agent, E. C. Winslow. No. of pupils in district, 19. Summer term of $7\frac{3}{4}$ weeks, taught by Miss Mabel V. Nichols; average attendance, 8; wages of teacher, \$1.75 per week; board, \$1.85. Fall term of 8 weeks, taught by Miss Carrie A. Whittier; average attendance, 8.85; wages, \$2.50;

board, \$1.85 per week. Winter term of 8 weeks taught by same teacher; average attendance, 10; wages, \$3; board, \$1.85 per week.

No. 3—NORTON FLAT. Agent, Nelson Gould. No. of pupils in district, 90. Summer term of 10 weeks, taught by Miss Carrie M. Douglass; average attendance, 34; wages, \$4.75; board, \$2.25 per week. Fall term of 10 weeks, taught by Miss Marietta Eaton; average attendance, 24; wages, \$5.00 per week; board——. Winter term now in session under instruction of Mr. Frank Butler.

No. 4.—VILLAGE DISTRICT. Agent, P. Dyer. No. of scholars, 341. Board of instruction: Spring term, Prof. W. Harper, Principal; Grammar School, Mr. James S. Norton; Intermediate School, Miss Rose B. Collins; Primary School, Miss Rose M. Tarbox. At the close of the spring term, Prof. Harper and Mr. Norton resigned, and their positions were taken by Mr. J. A. Russell and Miss Rose B. Collins. The vacancy in the Intermediate School, occasioned by the promotion of the latter, was filled by Miss Annie M. Stevens. The foregoing embraces all changes in the corps of instruction for the year. Length of school for which registers have been returned, 24 weeks; wages, Principal, \$100.00 per month; Mr. James S. Norton, \$32.00 per month; lady teachers, \$7.00 and \$8.00 per week. The average attendance in the different schools for the year, is as follows:

	SPRING TERM.	FALL TERM.
High School,	20	27
Grammar School,	40	40
Intermediate School,	37	45
Primary School,	42	41

No. 5—FAIRBANKS' MILLS. Agent, David E. Currier. No. of pupils in district, 62. Summer term of 4 weeks, taught by Miss Nellie C. Duley; Av. attendance, 19; wages, \$3.50; board, \$1.75. Fall term of 8 weeks, taught by Miss Vesta Fuller; wages, \$4.00 per week; board, \$1.75. Winter term in session under charge of Mr. Guy C. Fernald.

No. 7.—SPRAGUE DISTRICT. Agent, E. Macomber. No. of scholars, 25. Summer term of 6 weeks, taught by Miss Marietta Eaton; average attendance, 16; wages, \$4.00; board, \$2.00 per week. Fall term of 12 weeks, taught by Miss Emily Godwin; average attendance, 11; wages, \$4.00; board, \$2.00 per week.

No. 8.—CURRIER DISTRICT. Agent, Scott Ellis. No. of scholars in district, 12. Summer term of 4 weeks, taught by Miss Belle Holley; average attendance, 4; wages, \$2.75; board, \$1.25 per week. Winter term, now in session under instruction of Miss Rose Stanley.

No. 9.—WEST FARMINGTON. Agent, Edward Butler. No. of scholars in district, 86. Summer term of 9 weeks, taught by Miss Lilla M. Scales; average attendance, 34; wages, \$5.00; board, \$2.00 per week. Fall term of 12 weeks, taught by Miss Clara A. Johnson; average attendance, 35; wages, \$6.75; board, \$2.00 per week. Winter term, now in session under instruction of Miss Johnson.

No. 10.—SEWALL DISTRICT. Agent, W. J. Lunt. No. of scholars, 10. Summer term of 6 weeks, taught by Miss Jennie E. Weathern; average attendance, 6; wages, \$3.00 per week including board. Winter term, now in session under instruction of Mrs. E. T. Sewall.

No. 11.—GILMAN DISTRICT. Agent, E. E. Eaton. No. of scholars in district, 17. Summer term of 8 weeks, taught by Miss Alice Louise Tate; average attendance, 8; wages, \$2.50; board, \$1.75. Winter term of 12 weeks, taught by same teacher; average attendance, 10; wages, \$3.25; board, \$1.75.

No. 12.—KNOWLTON'S CORNER. Agent, S. Knowlton. No. of scholars in district, 20. Summer term of 8 weeks, taught by Miss Etta A. Lovejoy; average attendance, 11; wages, \$3; board, \$1.50 per week. Winter term, now in session under instruction of Miss Eunice Whittemore.

No. 14.—BRIGGS DISTRICT. Agent, Joseph Swain. No. of scholars in district, 24. Summer term of 8 weeks, taught by Miss Belle C. Adams; average attendance, 11; wages, \$2.00; board, \$1.75. Winter term, now in session under the instruction of Mr. J. J. Hunt.

No. 15.—RUSSELL'S MILLS. Agent, W. P. Woodbury. No. of scholars in district, 28. Summer term of 8 weeks, taught by Miss Katie F. Wilder; average attendance, 13; wages, \$2.50; board, \$1.50. Winter term of 11 weeks, taught by Mr. J. J. Hunt; average attendance, 15; wages, \$40 per month including board.

No. 16.—PORTER'S HILL. Agent, Reuben Jones. No. of scholars in district, 7. Fall term of 8 weeks, taught by Miss Mabel V. Nichols and Miss Mabel E. Hackett; average attendance, 3; wages, \$2.50 and \$2.00 respectively; board, \$1.00. Winter term of 9 weeks, taught by Miss Mabel E. Hackett; average attendance, 2; wages, \$2.00; board, \$1.00 per week.

No. 17.—BAILEY DISTRICT. Agent, W. A. Ames. No. of scholars in district, 21. Summer term of 8 weeks, taught by Mrs. Alice E. B. Dobbins; average attendance, 8; wages, \$2.50, board, \$1.60. Winter term, now in session under the instruction of Mrs. Dobbins.

No. 18.—TITCOMB DISTRICT. Agent, Henry A. Titcomb. No. of scholars in district, 25. Summer term of 8 weeks, taught by Miss Lillian S. Mallett; average attendance, 9; wages, \$3.18, board, \$1.50. Winter term, now in session under instruction of Miss Carrie Josselyn.

No. 19.—MOSHER DISTRICT. Agent, Wm. H. Mosher. No. of scholars in district, 19. Summer term of 8 weeks, taught by Miss Eva A. Hatch; average attendance, 11; wages, \$3.00, board, \$1.00 per week. Winter term of 15 weeks, taught by Mr. James S. Norton; average attendance, 11; wages, \$20 per month; board, \$1.25 per week.

No. 20.—HOLLEY DISTRICT. Agent, W. L. Hiscock. No. of scholars, 15. Summer term of 8 weeks, taught by Miss Nora M. Beedy; average attendance, 9; wages, \$2.50; board, \$1.50 per week. Winter term of 10 weeks, taught by Mrs. Nellie E. Voter; average attendance, 7; wages, \$3.75; board, \$1.50.

No. 21.—M. HOLLEY DISTRICT. Agent, B. R. Kempton. No. of scholars, 13. Summer term of 8 weeks, taught by Miss Minnie O. Stanley; average attendance, 13; wages, \$2.25; board, \$1.75. Fall term of 12 weeks, taught by same teacher; average attendance, 10; wages, \$2.75; board, \$1.75.

No. 22.—WALTON'S MILLS. Agent, Charles A. Gould. No. of scholars, 42. Summer term of 10 weeks, taught by Miss Sadie M. Tuck; average attendance, 23; wages, including board, \$4.50 per week. Winter term, now in session under instruction of Mr. Herbert L. Stevens.

No. 23.—UNION WITH NORTH CHESTERVILLE. No. of scholars, 22.

No. 25.—UNION WITH FURBUSH DISTRICT. No. of scholars, 12.

No. 26.—D. H. SMITH DISTRICT. No. of scholars, 2.

No. 28.—UNION WITH ALLEN'S MILLS. No. of scholars, 9.

No. 30.—HILLMAN DISTRICT. No. of scholars, 4.

No. 31.—UNION WITH NEW SHARON. No. of scholars, 5.

Highest wages paid male teacher per month, including board,	\$100 00
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Lowest wages paid male teacher per month, including board,	25 00
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Highest wages paid female teacher per week, excluding board,	8 00
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Lowest wages paid female teacher per week, excluding board,	1 75
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Average wages paid female teachers per week, excluding board,	3 52
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No. of terms taught by female teachers, 39.

No. of terms taught by male teachers, 9.

No. of teachers employed two or more terms in the same district, 10.

The general financial statistics relative to school funds are embodied in the report of the Municipal officers.

Respectfully submitted.

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EVERETT B. NORTON.	
E. T. SEWALL,	
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	Farmington.